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**NEW RECORD OF *INCA CLATHRATA SOMMERI* WESTWOOD
(COLEOPTERA: MELOLONTHIDAE, THRICHIINAE) IN TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO**

RESUMEN. Se extiende la distribución conocida de *Inca clathrata sommeri* Westwood, 120 Km al Norte en el Estado de Tamaulipas, México, en donde habita en un bosque de encino situado a 1100 msnm.

According to Boss and Ratcliffe (1985, *Col. Bull.* 39 (4): 381-389) the distribution of *Inca clathrata sommeri* extends from Northeastern Mexico to Northern South America. The most northern records by cited Boss and Ratcliffe (1985) are Ciudad del Maíz, San Luis Potosí, and El Naranjo, Tamaulipas. However, the former locality belongs to the state of San Luis Potosí, though located 5 km South to the State of Tamaulipas.

On June 29, 1992, the junior author collected one male specimen of *Inca c. sommeri* at the Ejido Altas Cumbres, Tamaulipas. The locality is at 18 km Southwest from Ciudad Victoria, as part of the Sierra Madre Oriental at 1100 m elevation. The specimen was collected while trying to fly near an oak trunk at about 15:00 p.m. The vegetation around Altas Cumbres is an oak forest at 800 - 1200 m elevation, dominated by trees 6 - 10m high such as *Quercus laeta* Liebm., *Q. polymorpha* Schlecht & Cham., and *Q. canbyi* Trel., *Croton ciliatoglandulifer* Ort., *Dioon edule* Lindl., *Brahea berlandieri* Bartlett, *Sabal mexicana* Mart., with as characteristic shrubs (Puig 1976, Vegetation de la Huasteca, Mexique. *Etudes Mesoamericaines*. Vol. 5). The studied area has a climate BSIhw, semi-dry with summer rains (SPP 1981, *Atlas Nacional del Medio Físico*, México, D.F.).

This Tamaulipean record on *Inca c. sommeri* extends its distribution about 120 km to the North.

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